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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

TOSHIHIKO YUKI

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For: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS, HEAD

ASSEMBLY, AND PIVOT BEARING

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AMENDMENT C UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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M/S Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's action dated December 20, 2004 having a shortened statutory period to expire February 20, 2005. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0446.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS IN THE TITLE

lease replace the title as follows:

A DISK DRIVE APPARATUS HAVING A PIVOT FOR SUPPORTING A HEAD ASSEMBLY TO ALLOW FREE PIVOTING